

BILL ARP GETS LETTERS

From Girls and Boys Wanting Information or Help on Compositions.

I feel pleased and honored to receive letters every day from young girls and boys over the South asking for information on some subject or for help in a school debate or for a start in a composition—just a start. These young people are generally from the country, where books are scarce and their eagerness for knowledge and mental improvement is very gratifying.

We see that some of the good ladies of the Atlanta Woman's Club are moving to supply the country schools with small libraries of good books and the Southern Railway has donated neat book cases for them. This, of course, is for Fulton county, but it is a move in the right direction and will, no doubt stimulate the ladies of other towns to do the same thing.

A bright boy from Alabama writes that his name is John Jones, and wants to know when and how he got it; says his father and grandfather had the same name, but they died without telling where they got it.

John is as old as the Christian era, and means "Whom Jehovah loves." I knew a man very well who lived near Rome, and his four sons were named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and his two daughters were named Mary and Martha.

Well, in course of time the people increased and multiplied so that their children had to have two names, so as to distinguish them, and so John's son was called Johnson in English, or John Johns in Welsh. After awhile it became John Jones. The Joneses are all of Welsh origin.

started. He was King Edward II.

Now, there was another Welsh way of distinguishing the son from the father. The little word "Ap," means son of, and it used to be written John ap Jones, but in course of time the little middle word was dropped. It is a little singular that a way back in the tenth century the Welsh people who had been fighting each other in civil wars for two hundred years at last chose David ap Howell for their king, and he had a son named Eyan. He was a good man, and his subjects always called him Howell Da—Howell the good. That must be our Evan of the Atlanta Constitution.

Now, about Bill Higginbotham. That is old Anglo-Saxon, and means a mountain Ark. The old name was hicken. Probably the old ancestor took his name from an ash tree that shaded his house. Names were scarce, and people took their surnames from objects of nature, such as hill, fountain, dale, peak, pine, pladt, oak chestnut, grub, twigs, branch, water, pool, moon, star, cloud; and so forth, or from their occupations, as baker, farmer, carpenter, mason, miller, gardner, granger and all of the family of Smiths who were the smiters of iron and silver and gold.

The name Coward was originally cow herd—a herder of cattle—and was not improved by the change. The adjutant of our brigade was named Coward, and the army had no braver soldier. He lost an arm at Chickahominy. He always signed his name A. Coward, adj't gen'l, and being asked why he did not sign his full name, said: "Well, my name unfortunately, is Adam, and it is not quite as bad to be a coward as it is to be a dam coward."

A few centuries ago every civilized nation had to adopt a prefix or a suffix to prevent the confusion of names. The English added son to most of their names, as Johnson, Williamson, Jackson, Thompson, etc. The Scotch prefixed with Mac. The Irish with Mac or Mc for son and O for grandson. The French took De or Du. The Normans used Fitz or fils (from Latin of filius, a son). The Russians took vitch from the same word.

Then there are many nicknames to be accounted for, such as Bob, Bill, Dick, Jack, Jim, Sally, Polly, Betsy, etc. I don't know how these started, but some of them came out of the collieries of England and quarries of Wales, for every miner has a nick name of Nosey, Soaker, Shanks, Jigger or something easy to call. I had a schoolmate whose name was McVellie Young. One day he was trying to do a sum in Fellowship at the blackboard and wrote down what he intended—To D—but it looked like tod, and the teacher said, "What do you mean by tod?" That was enough for the boys. They began to call him Tod, and they never quit, and he was known as Tod Young all his after life.

But the girls are not so much interested in names, for every girl expects to change her name when the right young man comes along. She is, not obliged to marry a man named Cruikshanks or Snoozlefanger or Hogg, but I've known them to do it, and they did very well. Bill Arq.

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PROGRAMME

Of Union Meeting of Division No. 1 of the Fairfield Baptist Association to be Held With the Harmony Church March 30-31, 1901.

ORDER OF EXERCISES, SATURDAY, 30. 10 A. M. Organization and verbal reports from churches and Sunday Schools 10.45. 1 Topic: Benefits to be derived from union meetings.

Speakers: L. T. Carroll, Manes Rabou, W. H. Joyner, J. W. Wood, J. E. McKinnon, T. M. Mattocks.

11.30. Sermon—Rev. J. W. Atkinson, or Rev. J. E. Jones. Adjourn.

2 P. M. 2 Topic: The attitude of the Christian toward the use and sale of intoxicating liquors. Speakers: Howell Morrell, Newton Kelly, R. N. Pratt, J. S. Ross, R. P. Odens, Walter Perry, Rev. Hammond.

3 P. M. 3 Topic: The need of scripture discipline in our churches. Speakers: Wm. McPherson, J. E. Jones, S. E. Ross, J. M. Porter, H. K. Ezell, J. W. Atkinson.

SUNDAY 31st. 11 A. M. Sermon by Rev. J. L. Freeman, Rev. L. T. Carroll. Followed by ordination of deacons.

H. K. EZELL, J. M. PORTER, S. E. ROSS, Committee.

By a vote of 13 to 6 the trustees of the Chicago Board of Education have resolved not to permit the introduction of "Readings from the Bible, Selected for the Public Schools," into the schools of Chicago. This vote was the first taken since the book was brought to the attention of the board. For nearly two years attempts have been made to induce the school management committee to recommend that the book be placed in the list of supplementary reading. It was urged that the book could be read by the teacher without comment, and that it would prove an immense moral value in the education of children.

The school management committee invariably referred the matter to the board without recommendation, and the board invariably sent it back to the committee. The subject was brought before the board at a special session on March 21st.

If They Only Would.

If half a dozen farmers in a country community would all get enthused over the idea of road improvement and be willing to cooperate to secure better roads in their neighborhood, they would be surprised at what they might accomplish. Just so long as we begrudge the doing of any work of this sort without pay, and try to see how poor a service they can render in payment of the public demand upon them, just so long we will have poor roads.—Anderson Intelligencer.

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The Ceremony by Which William McKinley Succeeds Himself

President McKinley, was sworn in to succeed himself as chief magistrate of the nation on a handsomely decorated stand at the east front of the capitol to-day. By noon this vast central plaza, stretching out from the capitol was a billowing expanse of humanity. Massed half way back were the mounted officers of the military escort and the staff of the president's crack organization, sat motionless on their black chargers. Fronting the horse wing was the silk hat and be-arded citizen committee. Back of all these surged the courtiers and the multitude.

Justing out from the capitol steps and sweeping across the front were rows of seats accommodating 5,000 guests. The high porches of the senate were crowded with the distinguished guests of that body. To the left, on the house portico, Speaker Henderson's family and friends mingled with the house leaders. A blaze of color was at every hand.

I was just after 1 o'clock when President McKinley stepped out upon the porch. A great cheer went up that resounded until the huge stand fairly trembled. The president bowed in acknowledgment. With him was Chief Justice Fuller.

Through the lines of senators and officials, all standing to do him honor, the president proceeded to the central pavilion, and at the railing faced the vast assembly, again and again bowing before the tremendous chorus from the 40,000 throats. Then he turned and shook hands with Vice President Roosevelt, while another great cheer went up as the two central figures, McKinley and Roosevelt, stood out above the crowd.

TAKING THE OATH

A hush fell upon the assembly as the president and the chief justice advanced to the center of the pavilion. The president removed his hat and raised his right hand. Finally could be heard the solemn words of the chief justice and the measured response of the president, taking the oath to maintain inviolate the constitution and laws of the United States. There was no demonstration as he concluded the oath.

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All voters for this election must register within this time. Each applicant for registration must produce his county registration certificate and town tax receipt for all town taxes due before he can register for town election.

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